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SUBJECT: GSP SEMINARS IN COLOMBIA

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY COOPERATION WITH PROPOSED SEMINARS, BUT PROBLEMS OF AVAILABILITY AND COST PREVENT OUR BEING OF HELP WITH MATERIALS REQUESTED PARA 3 REFTEL, AS FOLLOWS:

2. A) THE GSP GUIDE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

B) IT SHOULD BE MORE ECONOMICAL FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE COPIES OF SECTION 5 OF 1974 TRADE ACT.

C) FINAL 1977 STATISTICAL DATA WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, BUT THIS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE PRIOR TO PLANNED SEMINAR DATES IN EARLY-MID FEBRUARY. DEPARTMENT WILL POUCH ELEVEN-MONTH DATA OF US IMPORTS FROM COLOMBIA PROVIDED TO US BY OAS IN WASHINGTON.

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D) SUGGEST EMBASSY DRAW ON REFS B AND C TO EXPLAIN CHANGES IN PROCEDURE FOR PRODUCT REVIEWS. THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY

ACROSS-THE-BOARD CHANGES CONCERNING RULES OF ORIGIN.

E) THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM WHICH

WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. HOWEVER, WE ARE SENDING A FEW COPIES OF GENERAL INFORMATION (TWO PAGES) ON GSP, EXCERPTED FROM CUSTOMS PAMPHLET "EXPORTING TO THE UNITED STATES", AND A COPY OF THAT PAMPHLET.

3. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY CHANGES UNTIL IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE MARCH 1 DATE MENTIONED, AT WHICH TIME THE PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER WILL BE PUBLISHED. ANY INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE DISSEMINATED EARLIER WILL BE SENT ASAP. VANCE

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